

TODAY - Loudoun County Hosts Free COVID-19 Testing for All Ages

This is the PCR test for COVID-19. It is Not an anti-body test.

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COVID-19 TESTING

Monday, June 1, 2020

Testing begins at 10 a.m.

Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park

(42405 Claudia Dr., Leesburg, 20175) Enter the testing site at Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road

Rain or Shine

Free & Open to Everyone

Drive-thru only

No prescription, doctor's order or symptoms necessary

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TODAY, there will be a second opportunity for free, drive- through testing for COVID-19. The details for today's testing event are included below. Per Loudoun's Health Department Director, Doctor Goodfriend, the benefits of mass testing for COVID-19 are:

- The <u>CDC estimates</u> that up to 35% of those infected with COVID-19 are asymptomatic; currently, it is very difficult for an asymptomatic individual to be tested. Therefore, the test can identify individuals with COVID-19 who are asymptomatic and don't know they have it.
- Currently, it is challenging for low income, uninsured individuals to be tested for COVID-19; therefore, the state is offering free testing to help ensure that anyone wishing to be tested can do so.

DETAILS FOR TODAY'S TESTING EVENT

Loudoun County has scheduled a <u>second round</u> of free, drivethrough testing for COVID-19 at Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park in Leesburg, Monday, June 1, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Testing will end when the site reaches capacity or by 6:00 p.m. As many tests as possible will be administered during the one-day testing event.

Motorists should enter Bolen Park on Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road. If navigating to the park by GPS, use the following address to arrive at the park's general location: 42405 Claudia Drive, Leesburg.

The June 1 event is open to all and will occur rain or shine. The test type will be **a PCR test for the novel coronavirus**; the test does not indicate whether an individual has antibodies from a previous COVID-19 exposure. Test results will be provided approximately three days following the test.

No appointments are necessary. There are no age or residency requirements. A person does not have to exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 in order to be tested. No prescription or doctor's order is necessary.

To help reduce wait times, people who plan to attend Monday's event are strongly encouraged to complete a registration form for each person who will be receiving a test prior to arriving at the testing site. The fillable form is posted online here, and may be filled out and printed in advance of the testing event. The registration form is required and asks for general demographics and contact information including name, date of birth, address, phone number and current symptoms, if any.

Five Things to Know About the June 1 COVID-19 Testing:

- 1. Fill out a **registration form** prior to arriving at the testing site.
- 2. Testing is open to everyone.
- 3. Testing is drive-through only; no walk-ups.
- 4. Enter the testing site on Crosstrail Boulevard; follow all directions throughout the testing site.
- 5. Plan on long wait times, which may be 2 hours or more; restrooms will be available periodically throughout the waiting line.

This will be the second mass COVID-19 testing opportunity in Loudoun County provided by the Virginia Department of Health. On May 20, 2020, more than 1,800 individuals received a COVID-19 test.

Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19.

- Visit <u>loudoun.gov/coronavirus</u> for more information about how to protect yourself and your family and to sign up for email and text updates on COVID-19.
- Text LCCOVID19 to 888777 to receive text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19.

Residents with questions about COVID-19 may call the Loudoun County Health Department's information line, 703-737-8300, or send an email to **health@loudoun.gov**.

In addition to the above information, Loudoun recently created a **COVID-19 Testing Task Force** to help facilitate the availability of more COVID-19 testing in the community. The Task Force will provide information and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator who are closely monitoring progress of the pandemic. Click **here** for more information about the Testing Task Force.

Coronavirus - We're in it together, we'll get through it together - Tony

Be safe!

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